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SUBJECT: AIR POLICY - PAN AM'S CHANGE OF GAUGE

1. ON JUNE 5 UNDER SECRETARY COOPER SPOKE WITH AMBASSADOR DE LABOULAYE ALONG LINES OF SEPTTEL, WHICH IS BEING SENT AS INSTRUCTION TO PARIS THIS EVENING ON THIS SUBJECT. THIS CABLE DOES NOT CHANGE SEPTTEL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT IS CONVEYED FOR EMBASSY INFORMATION.

2. AFTER COOPER OUTLINED POINTS IN PARAGRAPH 4 SEPTTEL,
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AMBASSADOR CONVEYED HIS NEW INSTRUCTIONS, I.E., NEED TO DE-ESCALATE ISSUE, AND OFFER TO SLOW DOWN "FRENCH LEGAL ACTION AGAINST PAN AM" IN RETURN FOR U.S. POSTPONEMENT OF CAB ACTION. COOPER INDICATED SOME DOUBT THAT THE CAB PROCESS CAN BE SLOWED DOWN, BUT HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT. HE SAID THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE PRESIDENT MUST EITHER ACCEPT OR REJECT THE CAB RECOMMENDATION BY JUNE 10. THE AMBASSADOR

(GOING BEYOND INSTRUCTIONS, BUT CONFIDENT HE WOULD BE UPHELD) THEN SUGGESTED THAT WE EXPAND THE TALKS TO OTHER SUBJECTS. HE INDICATED WE COULD HOPEFULLY SUBSUME AND RESOLVE IMMEDIATE ISSUE BY CREATING A LARGER FIELD OF AVIATION ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO BOTH PARTIES IN NEAR FUTURE. WHEN COOPER QUERIED WHAT THIS MIGHT COVER, HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED (1) AIR FRANCE INTEREST IN A

MIAMI-PARIS ROUTE, AND (2) PAN AM DESIRE TO COMINGLE AT LONDON, WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK PASSENGERS AND ALLOW THEM TO FLY TO PARIS ON THE SAN FRANCISCO-LONGON-PARIS FLIGHT (WHICH AMBASSADOR INDICATED U.S. ADMITTED IS NOT COVERED UNDER U.S.-FRANCE CIVAIR BILATERAL). COOPER REITERATED OUR PREFERENCE FOR ARBITRATION AND INTERIM CHANGE OF GAUGE RIGHTS FOR PAN AM WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FRENCH POSITION, BUT AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE U.S. ISSUES FOR EXPANDED TALKS. HE REQUESTED AMBASSADOR DO LIKEWISE, AND BOTH AGREED TO SPEAK AGAIN NO LATER THAN THURSDAY. VANCE

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